IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT

INVENTION

: Doubler

: Welded Hip Prosthesis

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: Stewart

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF July 18, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated Jul. 18, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire Oct. 18, 2005, kindly amend the above-entitled application as follows, no new matter is added:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Argument begins on page 7 of this paper.